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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" As far as possible, doctors are posted to their own language areas. In arriving at the figures given in the answer, Madras City also has been included. Madras City is more or less a multi-lingual area and the doctors posted here have a working knowledge of the languages spoken here."

*Rearing of fishes in the Gingee taluk*

* 349 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the cost incurred by the Government to rear fishes in the Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, and the amount realized from the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The cost so far incurred has amounted to Rs. 1,770–1–5 and the revenue realized is Rs. 1,325–1–0."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" What are the varieties of fish that are reared? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I would like to have notice to give the information."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister has ever tasted fish? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Perhaps it may be to the disadvantage of the Fisheries department if the Minister for Fisheries is fond of fish. It is not necessary for the Minister to have tasted fish for administering the Fisheries department effectively."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN:—" May I know why the cost of production is so high? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I can say that it is not costly at all."

*Non-payment of teaching grant to teachers in Malabar*

* 350 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of teachers in Malabar who have not been paid their teaching grant since 1946 and the number of teachers who are refused payment of salary on the ground that their service registers have not been countersigned by the Deputy Inspectors of Schools concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" The answer to the first part of the question is ' nil '. Regarding the second part, there was one such case and that also has been disposed of."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR:—" May I know how that one case was disposed of? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Register was countersigned and the grant was paid."

*Area in acres under groundnut.*

* 351 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the total number of acres under groundnut crops during the fasli years 1362 and 1363 in the residuary Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The estimated area in acres under groundnut is—

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| Fasli 1362 (1952–53) ... ... ... | 1,851,500 |
| Fasli 1363 (1953–54) ... ... .. | 1,957,000 |

The figures of actual area are not available."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" வட ஆற்காடு தென் ஆற்காடு ஜில்லாக்களில் 1952–53-ல் மணிலா விதை இல்லாத காரணத்தினுல் மணிலா சாகுபடி மிகக் குறைவாக இருந்தது. இப்படி போதிய விதை கிடைக்காத காலங்களில் அரசாங்கம் விதை கொடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was so due to the drought conditions prevailing in those two districts. I can assure the hon. Member that the Agriculture Department will give every facility that can be given."

*Subsidy for libraries in South Arcot district.*

* 352 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount spent in South Arcot district as subsidy for libraries during the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rupees three thousand and sixty-five."

*Deaths due to alcohol.*

* 353 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases brought to the mortuary of the Government General Hospital, Madras, in years 1952 and 1953 for post-mortem examination ; and

(*b*) how many of the deaths were due to the drinking of illicit arrack?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 604 in 1952 and 563 in 1953 (up to 20th November 1953).